

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 17, without prejudice. The status of the claims is as follows:

1-12. (Canceled)

13. (Original) A liquid crystal display device comprising:

a first substrate having thereon a pixel electrode and an active element;

a second substrate having thereon an opposed electrode; and

a liquid crystal layer interposed between said first and second substrates with said electrodes facing each other,

wherein a first orientation control element extending in a nonparallel direction relative to an extending direction of an edge of said pixel electrode and a second orientation control element extending in a parallel direction relative to an extending direction of said edge are provided on at least one of said first and second substrates, and

said first orientation control element is larger in width than said second orientation control element.

14. (Original) The device according to claim 13, wherein at least one of said first and second orientation control elements is a slit formed in said pixel electrode or said opposed electrode.

15. (Original) The device according to claim 13, wherein at least one of said first and second orientation control elements is a protrusion formed on said pixel electrode or said opposed electrode.

16. (Original) The device according to claim 13, wherein a dielectric anisotropy of said liquid crystal molecules of said liquid crystal layer is negative.

17. (Canceled)

18-33. (Canceled)